

OCRM COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Coastal communities are on the front line of addressing the impacts on coastal resources caused by population growth and sprawl. In addition, our nation's coastal communities are facing the challenges of tourism and recreation pressures along with haphazard development which has resulted in the loss of green space, fragmentation of coastal habitat, degraded water quality, and increased vulnerability to natural hazards.

OCRM'S ROLE: NOAA's Office of Coastal and Ocean Resource Management (OCRM) works in cooperation with NOAA offices and other federal agencies to provide assistance to state and local partners in supporting community-based coastal management activities. OCRM collects and disseminates data and information on coastal management tools and techniques, and provides tools for community planning and implementation. OCRM also participates directly in planning efforts and hosts workshops to bring together federal, state, local, and private sector stakeholders. In addition, OCRM staff have expertise in land use planning, waterfront revitalization, brownfields redevelopment, Special Area Management Planning (SAMPs), smart growth, and other community-based management issues.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES Data and Information

- *Coastal and Marine Management Program (CAMMP) provides access to information on CZM projects relevant to communities and 309 reports on community issues such as public access, SAMPs, and cumulative and secondary impacts*

Tools and Techniques

- *Participating with Environment Canada to publish a survey of waterfront revitalization efforts throughout the U.S. and Canadian Great Lakes region. The final report, which includes summary project information, local contacts, and detailed case studies, will be available on the OCRM website*
- *Partnering with Washington Sea Grant to develop a computerized database of waterfront revitalization initiatives in coastal communities. This database will also be available on the OCRM website*

Outreach and Extension

- *Participating in the National Brownfields Initiative which seeks to coordinate federal brownfield cleanup and redevelopment programs*
- *Partnering with NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration and NOAA's Office of Sustainable Development to support the Brownfields Showcase Communities. NOAA is sponsoring workshops in Glen Cove, NY, Providence, RI, Stamford, CT, Baltimore, MD, and East Palo Alto, CA to bring together federal, state, and local partners to focus on coastal management issues related to their brownfields initiative. These Showcase Communities are providing new models for community-based cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated sites*

Capacity Building

- *Provide direct support to local initiatives including the Beaufort, SC SAMP, Hackensack Meadowlands SAMP, and Mississippi Comprehensive Management Plan*

National Policies and Standards

- *Proposed Communities Initiative for CZMA reauthorization*
- *Proposed FY 2001 Lands Legacy Initiative*
- *NOAA Sustain Healthy Coasts FY 2001 Communities Initiative*

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